

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for destroying valuable documents, including bank notes, stored within a storage space in the event of an attempt to gain access to said valuable documents without proper authorization, the steps of said method including:

storing said valuable documents in a ~~collecting device one or more collecting devices~~ (30) comprising a drum within a storage space;

winding said valuable documents on or off said drum with the aid of a carrier film or foil (40, 41);

housing said drum (30), at least partially, within a collecting vessel (50);

providing a destructive agent container (60, 63) containing a destructive agent in fluid communication with said collecting vessel;

generating an alarm signal in response to an unauthorized attempt to access said valuable documents; and

applying said destructive agent from said destructive agent container into said collecting vessel and onto the valuable

documents wound on said drum with the aid of said carrier film or foil in response to said alarm signal.

Claim 2. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, including the step of using a volume of said destructive agent (61) that can be handled by the collecting vessel (50) in the absence of overflow.

Claim 3. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, including the step of placing the destructive agent container (60, 63) above the collecting vessel (50) so that the destructive agent (61) will run or fall down into the collecting vessel when said alarm signal is generated.

Claim 4. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, including the step of causing said destructive agent container (63) to be punctured by means of a puncturing device (64) in response to said alarm signal.

Claim 5. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, including the step of subjecting only said collecting devices (30) that contain said valuable documents to said destructive agent in response to said alarm signal.

Claim 6. (currently amended) An arrangement for destroying valuable documents, including banknotes, stored within a storage space, said arrangement including a collecting device within said

storage space for storing said valuable documents, said collecting device comprising a drum on which said valuable documents are wound with the aid of a carrier film or foil;

a collecting vessel for housing, at least in part, said collecting device;

a destructive agent container in fluid communication with said collecting device vessel;

an alarm for detecting and generating an alarm signal in response to an attempted unauthorized access to said valuable documents; and

means for applying a destructive agent contained within said destructive agent container into said collecting vessel and onto said valuable documents wound on said drum in response to said alarm signal.

Claim 7. (previously presented) An arrangement according to Claim 6, characterised in that said destructive agent container (60, 63) is arranged above a top opening of the collecting vessel (50).

Claim 8. (currently amended) An arrangement according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 6, characterised in that the storage space for

storing said valuable documents (100) includes said drum (30) rotatably mounted in the collecting vessel (50).

Claim 9. (previously presented) An arrangement according to Claim 6, characterised in that said arrangement includes an alarm-controlled puncturing means (64) that functions to release the destructive agent (61) in response to said alarm signal.

Claim 10. (previously presented) The use of a method according to Claim 1, characterised by applying the method in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The use of an arrangement according to Claim 6, characterised by using the arrangement in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 2, including the step of placing the destructive agent container (60, 63) above the collecting vessel (50) so that the destructive agent (61) will run or fall down into the collecting vessel when said alarm signal is generated.

Claim 13. (previously presented) An arrangement according to Claim 7, characterised in that the storage space for storing

said valuable documents (100) includes said drum (30) rotatably mounted in the collecting vessel (50).

Claim 14. (previously presented) The use of a method according to Claim 2, characterised by applying the method in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The use of a method according to Claim 3, characterised by applying the method in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines or like apparatus.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The use of a method according to Claim 4, characterised by applying the method in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The use of a method according to Claim 5, characterised by applying the method in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 18. (previously presented) The use of an arrangement according to Claim 7, characterised by using the arrangement in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The use of an arrangement according to Claim 8, characterised by using the arrangement in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.

Claim 20. (previously presented) The use of an arrangement according to Claim 9, characterised by using the arrangement in cash dispensers, depositing machines, and automatic teller machines.